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# NEWS & EVENTS FOR ADULTS

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OTHER SIDE! 

APRIL  
2025

## COMING NEXT MONTH DISCUSSING 1984



FOR 2025

*Employing Orwell as an Opportunity  
for Building Imaginative Community*

### BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, May 8  
6:30 - 8:00 pm

Regardless of your political leaning, 1984 provides ample food for thought and discussion regarding our greatest philosophical and existential issues both locally and in the greater world. Join Chriss Sutherland for a discussion of this classic work. We'll use Orwell's fictional dystopia as a drawing board on which we'll imagine something different and better. Print books are available to borrow from the library, and the ebook and audiobook are available through Cloud Library with your TML card. Please ask us if you need help obtaining a copy.

*Please register for the discussion  
on the library's website.*

## SUPPORT CIRCLE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES



Saturday, April 26  
10:30 - 11:30 am

Come participate in an informal monthly discussion group to share and learn from each other. Meets on the last Saturday of every month through August in the library's Conference Room. Light refreshments will be provided.

*Please register on our website.*

## SENIOR SOCIAL HOUR

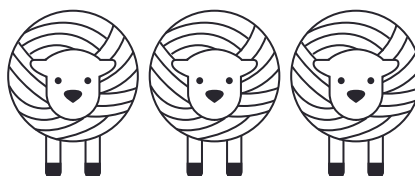
Wednesdays, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.



Older adults are welcome to stop by for coffee, tea, snacks, and conversation. Some weeks we have live music, other weeks informational presentations, and always a relaxed time to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Check our website for this month's special guests and topics!

## KNITTING GROUP

Mondays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
in the library's Community Room



Join a lively community of knitters while you work on your own projects! Swap tips and patterns and enjoy camaraderie, coffee, and conversation!

No registration necessary, but you can visit our website to sign up for email notices for storm and holiday closures and other occasional notifications (such as news about new library knitting resources!)

## MONTHLY GROUPS

### Death Café

1st Thursday, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Talk, share, or just listen to what neighbors, friends, and members of our community have to say about their experiences.

### Songwriting Workshop

with Jud Caswell

1st Tuesday, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Whether you are a new writer, experienced writer, or want-to-be-a-writer writer, we hope you'll join us to bring in your work and get expert advice from an award-winning songwriter. Songwriters of all levels and abilities are welcome! Please register on the library's website.

ZOOM  
EVENT

### Afternoon Book Group

3rd Thursday, 3:00 - 4:00 pm  
(in-person & via Zoom)

Our adult book group is led by Access Services Librarian **Kevin Goody**. Book selections are chosen by the group each month for the following meeting and alternate between fiction and nonfiction titles.

## FREE BLOOD PRESSURE AND/OR BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

with the Cape Elizabeth Fire/Rescue  
Department



Wednesday, April 23  
11:30 - 12:30 pm

Stop in for a free screening. No registration is necessary, but if you'd like to reserve a spot please sign up on our website. Please be aware that if the EMTs have to attend to a call they may not be available at the library on their scheduled day.



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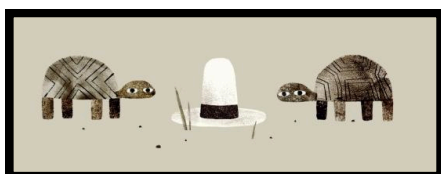
# NEWS & EVENTS FOR KIDS & FAMILIES



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## ILLUSTRATOR OF THE MONTH

JON KLASSEN



Find all 5 pictures of Jon Klassen's illustrations around the children's room, then come to the desk for a prize!

## SAVE THE DATE! COMIC-CON IS MAY 9 & 10



Wizards, princesses, jedis, adventurers... join us for Comic-Con at the library! There will be fun for all ages, including a **costume show, mask-making, D&D, a local artist panel, superhero storytime**, and more. More details coming soon!

## ALL ABOARD!

Maine3Railers Model Train Display



Tuesday, April 22  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

We are thrilled to have the Maine3Railers Model Train Club return with their fabulous display. They will transform our meeting room into THE destination for train lovers of all ages!

**All ages welcome.**  
**No registration required.**

## 1-2-3 GROW WITH ME!

*For parents and caregivers of children ages 0-5. Pre-registration required.*



**Every Wednesday, April 30 - May 28**  
**10:30 - 11:45 am**

Children 0-5 years & caregivers are welcome to participate in a 5-week series of special play dates in the Library Community Room. You will have the opportunity to interact informally with community resource professionals on a range of important topics for child development. Learn more and register on our website. **Please register only if you can attend at least four of the five sessions.**

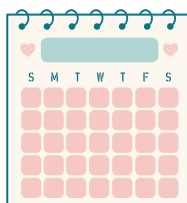
Topics Include:

April 30 - Literacy  
May 7 - Speech & Hearing  
May 14 - Child Development  
May 21 - Nutrition  
May 28 - Music & Movement



**Scan here to register!**

Scan here to access our full events calendar!



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Children in grades K - 6, especially developing readers, may sign up for 15-minute time slots to read with a certified therapy dog.

Register on our website or call the children's desk for more information.

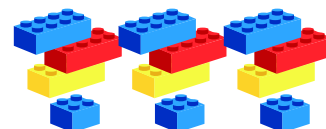
**Check out our schedule and register here!**



## LEGO CLUB

*For ages 5 - 12\*.*

**\*Children 9 and under must have an adult present.**



Meets the **first Tuesday** of each month. Coming up:

**Tuesday, April 1**  
**Tuesday, May 6**  
**3:30 - 4:30 pm**

Come free build or pick up a challenge card to try something new. Masterpieces will be put on display until the next Lego Club meeting! No registration necessary.





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Registration required, scan the QR code to sign up.



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## PROGRAM CAPACITY



We love seeing all of you at our weekly programs! However, many of our programs have attracted lots of families, and we want everyone to have a positive experience. To avoid requiring advance registration, **we are capping attendance at 30 for each program. The capacity for play group is 25.** Arrive early to ensure you have a spot!

## \*SATURDAY FAMILY STORY TIME HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED.

Our librarians are working hard on other exciting programs for 2025!



*Please stay home  
if anyone in your  
household is feeling sick.*

*Join us when everyone is  
healthy again.*

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## WEEKLY PROGRAMS FOR LITTLE ONES

### PROGRAM BREAK APRIL 7 - 26

We are taking a morning program break from April 7 - 26.

We look forward to resuming the following weekly programs on Monday, April 28!

### MESSY MINIS

Mondays, 10:30 - 11:00 am  
(Ages 2 - 5)

Let your imagination run wild and join us for Messy Minis in the Community Room. Let's color, cut, and paste together to make magic! For budding artists ages 2-5 or anyone who enjoys creative play.

### DRESS UP AND DANCE

Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11:00 am  
(Ages 2 - 5)

Join us for stretching, moving, and grooving to our favorite playlist in special dress-up costumes. For dancing enthusiasts ages 2-5 and their caregivers.

### PLAY GROUP

Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 am  
(Ages 0 - 5)

Drop in for a 1-hour playtime session for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. The Community Room is open for exploration with special toys and stations while you visit with friends! **Capacity: 25 people.**

### TODDLER STORY TIME

Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:00 am  
(Ages 18 - 36 months)

For children who are not ready for a traditional story time but who love to sing songs, move their bodies, and listen to brief stories. This gentle introduction to the routines and props of story time is great for curious, wandering wigglers and their caregivers.

### FAMILY STORY TIME\*

Fridays, 10:30 - 11:00 am  
(Ages 3 - 5)

Join us in the Community Room for songs, stories, and Belinda the Bear! Geared toward children ages 3-5 or anyone who enjoys listening to a solid two stories.



## FREE FOR ALL A PUBLIC LIBRARY MOVIE EVENT FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Saturday, April 26  
2:00 - 4:00 pm



Recommended for ages 10+.

TML is thrilled to partner with Indie Lens for a screening of *Free For All: The Public Library*. This 60-minute documentary is for everyone, and this youth event is just for kids and families. Bring your favorite book as your "date" and join us for popcorn and a movie. Stick around for fun activities, including an "Ask a Librarian" panel featuring your favorite folks from the children's room, a chance to share the book you brought, and a library scavenger hunt! Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate all your favorite things about your local library!



A virtual library of parenting videos and resources right at your fingertips. Available now with your library card!



Scan the QR code to access and enter your library card number, no PIN required.

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# NEWS & EVENTS FOR TWEENS & TEENS

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## VENTURE CLUB

**Wednesdays**  
**2:30 - 4:30 pm**  
(ages 14+)

Venture Club is a teen-led board/card game and D&D club, with an emphasis on board games. We'll try to play new games every week. No prior gaming experience is needed! Venture Club takes place every Wednesday afternoon in the library's Community Room. No registration necessary, please visit our website for more information.

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### TLC

TEEN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

*For ages 14+*

Help shape the future of the teen space and...

- Earn volunteer hours
- Advise on library policies
- Design new programs

Meets the last Friday of the month  
2:45 - 3:45 pm  
Coming Up: April 25, May 30

## RESCHEDULED! CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP WITH LILY JESSEN



**Saturday, April 5**  
**2:00 - 3:00 pm**



Scan here to register! →



Hermione Granger, Katniss Everdeen, Luke Skywalker. What is it about them, or other favorite characters, that keeps you rooting for them throughout their stories?

In this workshop, we'll discuss how to write a character-driven plot, and design and workshop original characters. Come with an open mind, something to write with, and, if you like, a character you've created for us to workshop!

**Registration required.**



## WRITING GROUP *For tweens & teens*



Explore your imagination through fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction. Visit our website to register.

**First Thursday of each month**  
**3:30 - 4:30 pm**

**This month:** April 3 **Next month:** May 1



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## #LIBRARYSQUAD

*For ages 11 - 13*

**Meets the first Friday of the month**

**2:45 - 3:45 pm**

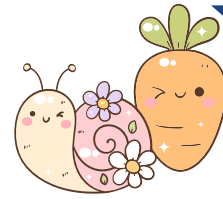
Library Squad is a community of library-loving middle schoolers that meets monthly, and whose opinions, ideas, and feedback help form the foundation of our programming. Ask the children's desk for more info.

**Coming up:** April 4, May 2



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## PERSONAL STYLE SERIES

WITH JULIE CUNNINGHAM

### COLOR ANALYSIS

Tuesday, April 1  
6:30 - 8:00 pm



Color analysis is one of the big secrets of the universe. It is the fastest way to help a person look their best. Professional color analyst Julie Cunningham will unveil her process for finding everyone a wonderful personal color pattern that one can easily bring out with harmonious colors, while knowing that everyone is perfect exactly the way they are. **No registration required.**

### INDIVIDUAL STYLE

Thursday, April 24  
6:30 - 8:00 pm

When you understand your style type, you can dress for every occasion and still be yourself. Gain confidence from your wardrobe and send valid and true messages about yourself with your clothing. This is the essence of individual style. Learn more from professional image consultant Julie Cunningham in this event, the second in her April series here at TML! **No registration required.**

### WARDROBE DEVELOPMENT

Tuesday, April 29  
6:30 - 8:00 pm



A successful wardrobe evolves when you know your best personal choices in color and style. Join us for the final program in Julie's April series to learn more and give yourself the building blocks for mastering this art. **No registration required.**

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## REPAIR CAFE

Saturday, April 5  
1:00 - 4:00 pm



Join us for TML's very first Repair Cafe! With the help of volunteer fixers, you are invited to bring a household item that you'd rather try to save than throw away and replace. **No registration required!**

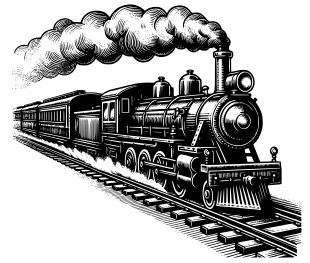
Our volunteers welcome you to bring the following:

- Simple bike troubleshooting and repairs
- Mending and clothing repair
- Jewelry repair
- Mechanical/electrical repair (for small appliances, not electronics)

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in your inbox,  
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